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In re application of

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PURIFICATION, CLONING AND BIOCHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF XendoU,  
ENDORIBONUCLEASIC ACTIVITY INVOLVED IN SMALL NUCLEAR RNA  
SPLICING-INDEPENDENT BIOSYNTHESIS IN XENOPUS LAEVIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.